

I strongly oppose HR 4026!

It is absurd to rule that satellite radio cannot provide local weather and traffic. If we follow the same logic, satellite television should not be allowed to show local news - instead substituting a generic national news program.

The demand is there from the people of this country. If there was no demand, XM Radio would not be offering local information.

I have had XM for over a year now, and I find the quality of the programming to be an exponential leap over the drivel and lame banter that you'll find on the local radio shows here in Denver. In addition, there is a much wider variety of music played - not the same 20 songs that the big record labels want the public to hear over and over and over.

Keep unnecessary regulations out of our fine country. Allow the free market system to work as it should. Stop protecting the "entrenched" local radio stations. If they want to survive, they must improve. If they stand still and don't evolve then they deserve to go out of business.

The "local" radio stations really aren't that local, are they? Consider that the majority are owned by the large media companies such as ClearChannel. How is that ANY different than XM Radio? ClearChannel doesn't care what happens in Denver - if one of their radio stations slips in the ratings they won't hesitate to drop the programming format, fire the staff, and start it over as a brand new radio station!

Thank you for considering my comments. DO NOT ALLOW XM RADIO (and all other competitors to local radio stations) TO BE SILENCED!

In addition, I find it crazy that the "Energy and Commerce Committee" is the place this bill was introduced. This has nothing to do with energy or commerce!